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Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for the notice of preparation, inviting me to comment on the South Delta Improvements Program Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement.

I am certainly in favor of improvements which would increase the maximum allowable diversion capacity at the Clifton Court Forebay. My view is that any additional allowable diversion should be divided between the State Water Project, and the Central Valley Project for the use of the contracting agencies with the respective projects. To the extent that this is done, I approve the project.

I would not support such a project if the added diversion capacity is funneled off into environmental uses, instead of being available to the SWP and CVP. In my view, the water needs of the people of California are being ignored for the benefit of fish, etc., at the instigation of the environmental extremists. People, not fish, are the real customers of our water development projects. Expenditures for water development need to be redirected for the benefit of agricultural and urban users.

Thanking you for the opportunity to comment, I am

Sincerely yours,

William K. Shearer